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There Is One Safe Road.

Senator HENRY CABOT LODGE of Massachusetts preformed a service of exceptional public importance in his address yesterday on the right of merchantmen to carry arms for their own defence on the high seas. He recounted the practice of the United States from the beginning, and after his exposition of the precedents and decisions the conclusion that any change in the doctrine by us at this time would be unneutral is inevitable. There is no ground for dispute concerning the subject; the character of private vessels armed for defence is obscured by no contradictions in the record, and any alteration in our attitude enforced in time of war must constitute a breach of our duty toward one or another belligerent.

The historic attitude of America with respect of this unquestioned right was upheld by Secretary Lansing in the note sent yesterday to our representatives abroad. The project tentatively put forward last month has been abandoned, but before it was east aside it had done some mischief. That mischief reveals convincingly the danger that is inseparable from attempts to modify in time of war the law which existed when the war arose.

The sole result of an attempt to rewrite international law at this time must be a dangerous departure from the only guide that offers even hope of safety. The renewed evidence of the Administration's understanding of this fact is comforting evidence that the conditions actually prevailing in the world to-day are recognized in Washington.

Shall We Have Simplified Building Inspection?

Mayor MITCHEL and the represen tatives of the real estate owners in New York have succeeded in agree ing on a plan for the simplification of building inspections in this city which, while it may not be ideal would relieve landlords and lessee: alike of many unnecessary burdens proposed consolidation would relax none of the safeguards that, now surround the erection and occupancy ers and tenants of none of the preserve, but it would make the enforcement of the law less expensive and

The Legislature of 1915 was willing away with soon.

Super-Frankenstein.

ten in the past year and a half re- upon lives and property." edents applicable to any prophecy the conflict.

That a struggle in which, directly or ladirectly, the whole world is taking part can persist for any great length of time seems inconceivable But it has gone on month after political uses, because it reflects a the enormous expense now almost month for a year and a half, and at weak case that shuns the light of uselessly involved in the treatment of the present moment there is in no day. We fancy that the fire directed drug addicts in our hospitals is undirection any indication that peace upon it in the Senate will not be scatcan come for an indefinite period. tered but effectively concentrated. Millions of men are dying, European civilization has been destroyed for the time being, and the rest of the world is feverishly endeavoring to splashing. New York makes its way, from this form of infant damnation. make necessary readjustments to con- through streets that are an anachroditions hitherto unknown to the race

races, but in details that arise from ts unprecedented scope.

deavored, with more or less sincerity of purpose, to stop the great confiawere pitifully ineffective. Can these bilities it is not pleasant to regard. same incompetents, incapable of protecting civilization from the most wful catacylsm of all time, exert to-EVENING SUN, Per Month 25 ravages that their own weakness ren-EVENING SUN (Poreign), Per Mo. 1 68 dered inevitable? History will record that early in the twentieth century this greatest of all blasphemies was -what?

The Church on Air Raid Reprisals.

The sentiments of the bishops of the Church of England regarding reprisals on Germany for the needless slaughter of non-combatants by air raids on unfortified towns should command wide attention. Two wrongs do the Church is inspired not only by Christianity but also by common sense even from the military point of view. Better for Great Britain, as the Archbishop of Canterbury said. that when this fearful conflict comes to an end the nation shall enter on settlement with clean hands; that it shall have no murders on its con-

Furthermore, the policy of reprisals of this sort is nothing more than the beginning of an endless chain of retaliation, by which the greatest sufferer is sure to be that contestant which engages the more reluctantly in the murder of the innocent.

The end of it all is the destruc tion of the last vestige of humanity and civilized method in the prosecution of warfare.

The State Department's Brief on

Senator FALL is right when he says that the response of the State Department to his resolution of inquiry about the Mexican policy of the Government is only intended "to scatter the fire" of critics of the Administration. This so-called report is in the form of a letter to the President, and it was transmitted to the Senate forty-two days after the Fall resolution was adopted. It is a political document, in fact a Presidential campaign paper, characterized by special pleading, and more notable for its omissions and evasions than for any information communicated.

Mr. Wilson's negotiations with the Mexican factions are hidden in the refusal to produce reports of diplomatic and consular and secret agents which would tell the true story. The intimation that to send these communications to the Senate would be incompatible with the public interest might have been plausible before the recognition of CARRANZA, but there is no force or reason in it now, especially as the assurance is given that the present de facto Government "is affording reasonably adequate pro- oney, in charge of the psychopathic tection to the lives and property of ward of Bellevue Hospital. The for-

has to say on the subject of the de- and that he is in favor of the War- that "to reason with me is a waste of cision to outlaw VILLA and accept wick Farm, where eight hundred and CARRANZA at his own valuation after ten acres of land, beyond the metrocautions they are now obliged to obministration is the stalest kind of information. The Senate and the country knew all about it before. Mr. preparing them for their work. Wilson may "confidently" expect that "the present [de facto] Government utes which had produced the chaotic will, within a reasonable time, be stitution for the treatment of drug conditions now existing. It did pass merged in or succeeded by a Gov- addicts is absolutely necessary and a bill, which the Mayor vetoed. The ernment organized under the Constifailure to obtain a better system then tution and laws of Mexico," but it is est on its investment; he also favors resulted from the impossibility of rec- only conjecture and there may be the Warwick Farm, where the addict onciling the plans advocated by in. two opinions about it. There can't could regain strength, after treat terested parties here. There is no be more than two, and incredulity is ment, from outdoor exercise, far rereason to believe the Legislature of supported by the long record of Mex. moved from any environment which this year will be less reasonable than ican revolutions. The fact that, as caused the condition. its predecessor, and with the real the State Department says, the Carestate owners working in harmony ranza Government has made Querewith the city administration the pres. taro and not Mexico city its capital of the Warwick Farm idea, which ent muddle of conflicting and overlap- is ominous. Significant is the admis- has been under consideration for ping jurisdictions should be done sion that the suppression of lawless-

garding the origins of the war of The Administration should have wars. Many of these volumes are in- been above the attempt to show by Stokes is the city official in charge of structive and readable, and a few of suggestion that conditions in Mexico | the Warwick Farm, and that he will them may take their place in the fu- were not much worse in 1913, 1914 be assisted by another former United ture as permanent contributions to and 1915 than they were in the last States naval surgeon, would insure historical literature. But interesting three years of Mr. TAFT. A contempus the dullest of them, because of its tible political expedient. Of course promises to become the pattern for topic, may be, they deal only with the truth is that while Madero was other States. the past, and it is the future of the President there was a constitutional great conflict that is of real moment Government in the city of Mexico, to the world at large. In looking and except in Morelos southern Mexforward to the time when the nations | ico was fairly well governed, whereas how at war shall lay down their arms, since the fall of HUERTA the condition ployment that would improve his count up their losses and indulge in has been one of anarchy in nearly peace parleys, we are hampered by every State of Mexico. The Departthe gigantic scope of the struggle, ment's list of murdered Americans in the numbers of peoples involved the last three years, which, by the therein and the lack of historic prec- way, does not include the massacre near Chihuahua, is obviously incomconcerning the ultimate cessation of plete, and its list of murders in 1910. 1911 and 1912 is here and there only a jumble of names and under grave suspicion of padding.

The response to the Senate resolu fon will make a lame document for

Sius bopolis.

nism suggestive of the unclean Middle

at large. A world war differs from Ages. Pedestrians risk life and limb Allies seek peace" are headlines in ad-lesser wars not only in what it em-on pavements more treacherous to joining columns of the daily news braces, but in details that arise from footbold than if they had been mafootbold than if they had been maliciously greased. More grievously Emperors, kings, diplomats and disturbing still to the peace of mind statesmen, as the state papers of the and the cultured vocabulary of this leading European countries prove, en- long suffering town, trouser legs and skirt bottoms are ineradicably stained and spotted with the slush of street gration at its outset, but their efforts crossings whose bacteriological possi-

Flying devil wagons squirt dirty streams upon innocent bystanders with deadly accuracy of aim. To day, or to-morrow, even were they in enter street cars the passenger must accord, sufficient power to stop the paddle through slushy morasses. ravages that their own weakness ren- Horses tug and strain at heavy loads on a pavement surface that would have made Sisyphus, by contrast, man created a Frankenstein in his think himself favored of the punishown image, named the creature War ing gods; Sisyphus, who "as king of for Ideals, and that the outcome of Corinth promoted navigation and commerce," a prime duty of rulers to which our municipal administrations seem to be strangely obtuse.

The difficulties of the Street Cleaning Commissioner are great. Equally great are his opportunities. York would much rather bless than curse him. But giving a fair share of the blame for its unhappy lot to the climate, New York cannot be cennot make a right. The attitude of sured for venting some of its righteous wrath upon Mr. FETHERSTON'S department,

Drug Addlets.

The press has been deluged recently with more or less sensational accounts of the trials and tribulations of drug victims and the inadequate provision for their treatment in our public institutions. Since the majority of these addicts are supplied from the ranks of the nether world, among them not a few convicted criminals, their statements must be taken with a grain of

Among those who praiseworthily sympathize with these unfortunates hyperbolical statements are not infraquent; for example, "No tongue can express the awful torture they suffer. A large percentage die from a too rapid or sudden withdrawal of the drug. I will cite but one case among by hospital records nor by the observations of reliable physicians. This would cure without sending the vic-tentertainers should not be through the shadow of the grave, they will come forth in droves great enough to jam the largest public and private dividual is not to be relied upon in matters medical is evident from the fact that he speaks of Gil Blas as "one of the leading physicians of his day and age, who first bled the patient, then insisted upon the hot water diet." Those who are familian with literature know that Gil Blas was a fictitious character, delineated as an adventurer in LE SAGE's great novel of that name.

The city provides for the treatment of these cases in its various hospitals. That there is a thorough understand ing of the subject by the city's of ficials has been brought out in THE Sux by the statements of Chief Magis trate WILLIAM McApoo and Dr. GREG mer recommends that there should All that the Department's report be one institution, properly equipped, titul

Dr. GREGORY also very properly holds the opinion that a separate in-

It is fortunate that these well informed city officials confirm the value some time by a committee appointed ness "will require some time for its by the National Committee on Prisons accomplishment, pending which it and Prison Labor, which met at the may be expected that they [the "ban- house of a public spirited woman who Innumerable books have been writ- dits"] will commit sporadic outrages through her generosity initiated this movement several weeks ago.

The fact that ex-Surgeon-General success of this movement, which

That the drug addict must not only be relieved of his habit but must be placed under favorable environment and if necessary furnished with emmental and moral condition, all those who are informed upon the subject agree. When these unfortunates are discharged from our public city institutions free from the drug habit they are but too apt to return to their former environment and lapse into the habit which it has cost the city

so dearly to eliminate. Dr. GREGORY's view that the city could well afford a large investment in the Warwick Farm to relieve it of doubtedly correct.

ing the babies is temporarily forbidden. An attack of the measles is not an Slipping and sliding, sloshing and exorbitant price for a period of relief

"Allies pledge war until Belgium is

of issues greatly in contrast with the conflicting, loopholed statements with which the makers and readers of have to put up in these days of confusion.

Every ship a gold mine is thought of South street these days. Owners who were struggling to pay expenses with two or three freighters fore the war are now capitalists that the naval collier Justin, ap-praised not long ago at \$75,000, has been sold for \$301,107 by the Government. If the Government has any emergency of the Spanish war this is the golden time to dispose of them, used with advantage in the Govern-

We starid absolutely unpledged either for or against any candidate.-Gover-nor Samuel W. McCall.

Governor McCall was speaking for imself and Senators Lopos and WEEKS and ex-Senator MURRAY CRANE, who will ask the voters to send them Chicago as delegates at large. Well may Captain GARDNER and his asso ciates who are pledged to Colonel battle at the primaries with the straight Republican "Big Four."

down an instructor whom he accused of giving him unfair marks and caustalion seems to have taken an improper advantage of the size and muscular the academy football and teams, it is to be remembered that in weapons that were equally strange to

discover that Erzerum had fallen is no more remarkable than the silence of newspapers.

The Confederate veteran who sent Mr. Wilson a wooden sword made from a cedar tree and wrote that he was not too old to fight "if the flag is

"philanthropist" asserts that "when a off the Health Department as to the treatment has been discovered that value of variety. The department's tim through the agonies of hell and to songs damning rum and extolling The evils of white flour bread, of red meat, of coffee, tea, milk, soda water. these could and should be made the institution ever built." That this in themes of departmental ditties, sung

CRUELTY TO CONGRESSMEN. Suffrage's Valentine to Mr. Platt of the Twenty-sixth District.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE STN. SEC. dedicated to me by the suffragists, and to learn anything about birds. alleged to be a valentine sent to me. Now I greatly regret to say that I never received that particular valentine. pearing about the time the maple sugar If THE SUN says it was sent it must be artists are plying their trade.

BOMEND PLATT. You're deaf to all persuasion. To evidence you're blind. To reason with you is a was:

How I wish that the good and beau reason with me. In an unguarded mo-ment I once let slip the fact that I have three sisters, all ardent suffragists and all graduates of Vassar. That was fatal, and they will not give up hope.

If they will only absorb that pig iron

dea and live up to it EDMUND PLATT. WASHINGTON, February 18.

HOTEL WORKERS.

One of Them Indorses the Idea of Special Public School Training.

note with great interest in the papers compliance for the reason he gives? the suggestion to Commissioner John Pardon me for saying that I do not Martin of the Board of Education by think your lapis was a lapsus. Martin of the Board of Education by Copeland Townsend, a hotel owner of this town, that a vocational training in this town, that a vocational training in the public schools be used to solve some of the employment problems that beset hotel managers. As is pointed out by Mr. Townsend, who has had much expense of the state of the figure of the great wrong? And that Professor William Mr. Townsend, who has had much expense of characters, on it.

The Rosetta Stone, ugly and broken Northampion, Mass., for patriotism, love of the figa and loyalty to their native tion, corruption and stupidity of their when it got above freezing and with the corruption and stupidity of their when it got above freezing. The said.

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Didn't you know that such ideas are likely and for the problems and reigning court and milling that the problems and regular court and milling that the problems are problems that beset to spell the problems and regular court and milling that the problems are problems that beset to spell the problems are problems to describe the people of the supplier. Turks, themselves victims of the ambition, corruption and stupidity of their stary cliques, will try at least to spell the problems and regular court and milling the problems and regular

does not incorporate the preliminaries new law, new diplomacy and new everyof the hotel vocation, and why? It ofthing are to be judged. As you know,
fers a very lucrative field. Many of the
the cartouche was always made very, positions offer from \$80 to \$150 a month and board, and in many cases incidentals such as laundry work, theatre tickets and other little privileges. The food in the larger hotels is of the best and the environment is most unusual. Just now there are many young men employed in various capacities in hotels war. There is a demand for hotel help. It is dignified and should be placed in the curriculum of the public schools, in

Why the Feminine Eye? From the Kansas City Times. Spring has indeed arrived in our hosiery epartment. Never was there more elaborate preparations-or colorings-to atact the feminine eve.

HOTEL WORKER.

Knicker-Nature abbors a vacuum. Bocker-Well, a vacuum generally abors nature.

sandwich on a lunchroom shelf

The outer sitce oried. "Plain enough. We really ought to break the teeth." Declared the toothsome meat between:

Suggestions leave me quite unmoved The need of them you have not proved. Folks may bite you, but can't reach me

The sandwich squabbled, nothing done. And vanished down the Hungry One. McLANDSURGH WILSON

THE LUSITANIA'S STATUS. an Armed Ship, and the United

States So Assured Germany. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SUY: At ent event" lecture given in N. J., on Tuesday by one Dr. Sarle Raiguel, the lecturer, who "current event" think, was a gentleman of unusual in recent promulgation by Germany in ref ing of the Lusitania that act would dividing big dividends. Any cargo have been justified because she was an ship can pay for herself in less than a year. It is therefore not surprising After the conclusion of the lecture,

After the conclusion of the lecture, when questions were asked for, I, without agreeing to the premises of the lecturer, challenged his statement to the effect that the Lusitania was an armed vessel. The lecturer said he understood that the Lusitania had a gun which while not mounted was in a position to be mounted within a few minutes, and therefore she was practically an armed therefore she was practically an armed. to be mounted within a few minutes, and therefore she was practically an armed vessel. I then challenged the statement as a matter of fact, whereupon the lecturer said he was glad that the point had been raised, and that at his next lecture he would be prepared to answer it fully and from official sources.

My recollection is that the Germans with their usual promptness produced affidavits from one or two persons to

with their usual promptness produced affidavits from one or two persons to the effect that they, the affiants, had been abourd the steamer just before her salling, and that they saw under covers and that one of the persons who made ROOSEVELT quake at the prospect of a them promptly disappeared and was battle at the primaries with the later apprehended, convicted and sent

I am, however, entirely satisfied that is the accepted judgment that the Lusitania was not an armed vessel: that the assertion that she was an rmed vessel was entirely disproved. Further, in all of the recent publications in reference to this matter I have not heard one word from the Germans attempting to justify their action besel. I am quite certain that if that not abandoned their position should have heard from them.

I should be much pleased if you

would give me some authoritative information on this subject

SALEM, N. J., February 18.

The Lusitania was not an armed military experts at Berlin, the counts ship. The German Government's conand the colonels who write for the tention had no other foundation than false affidavits. It was abandoned after the United States Government in the note on the Lusitania case officially assured Germany that the having been thoroughly inspected at insulted" was not tactful. The Presi- the port of New York before sailing. the hundreds." The "torture" and dent will think of Tampico and rele- In the note two paragraphs were deways be quoted to confound misrepresentation, whether it be unintentional or deliberate. fatality here implied are not justified gate the wooden sword to the White voted to the matter, and they can altonal or deliberate.

BIRDS IN BOOKS

The Troglodytide Poor Creatures to the Wren in the Yard.

THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SI nithology is but a side line with me, but I think I may make bold to take that wordy controversy off your hands so far as the wren is concerned. We have a family of them in our yard every year, bossing all other fellow sojourners about as if they held a first mortgage on the universe. As for singing through the "autumn and winter," or being heard on a "dull Descember day." "F. M." of be-"dull December day." nighted Brooklyn has been

In the same manner it "may be noted" that our poor maligned friend "builds selves in a couple of very respectable cast iron bird houses which adorn our Perhaps you think that stubbornness bespeaks an iron will;

We would suggest that pig iron describes
it better still.

We have the first strength of the balled to the over the house in separate apartments.

It's agin nature.

as it trills and thrills to the very utmost no means mean diminutive of its by powers, and nobody else has a word to say within fourteen bird town blocks. If this isn't reputation I'd like to know

what is. Troglodytide! Bah! Passaic, N. J., February 18.

A BUNCH OF KEYS.

And an Indefensible Pun From the Princeton Grove.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SIR While it was very kind of you to "hasten to take the Rosetta Stone out of the White House," as you promised to do the other day in answer to "Fault-finder's" valentine, was it wise? Or at least, was it wise in your apparent compliance for the reason he gives?

Mr. Townsend, who has had much experience in this particular field, there is invested in the city of New York \$500.

Likewise the key to the new Rosetta 600,000 in hotels, and for almost every hotel patron there is a hotel employee of some capacity.

For some reason or other the subject of domestic science in the public schools of the hotel vocation, and why? It offers a very lucrative field. Many of the formula field, there is guages, or sets of characters, on it.

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Conn. the other evening and with his usual wit said that patriotism was the confermation of the war and that he was done with patriotism?

This certainly has an ethical, authoritative and "deeper sound that drowns them all."

FARMER.

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Even William Jennings Bryan, I suppose, while perusing on the sunny coast of Florida the majestic sentences of May and will be kept at it all who knows after all, the next President of the United States, will have scratched in melancholic ment a day. In Manhatian ment area is more than 9.000 yards.

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MILPORD FOR THE very emphatic. PRINCETON, N. J., February 18.

food A Woman's Voice Raised for Com-

pulsory Service. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: Were any of our present members of Congress tion, if they saw it, must influence them to decide in favor of some sort of com-

the value of compulsory service. Mas-ter, butler, chef, chauffeurs, gardeners, rich and poor, good and bad, responded to the call of their country. It was profoundly impressive and most digni-fied. I, as a woman, advocate laws requiring all able bodied citizens to go One looks to Congress to avoid for

our own great country the disgraveful, undignified, emotional appeal to which England has been forced in order to persuade her men to enlist. In times of peace, and not when our country is forced to arms, compulsory service, m erated to American needs, should be seriously considered at Washington. ELIZABETH B. F. TIBBITS.

HOOSICK, February 18. Perpetual Spring in Philadelphia THE EDITOR OF THE SUS-SIE!

we house fles that called two weeks ag and chose the upartment of "M. C. W." for their permanent home may be the harbinger of summer in New York, but In the Century Magazine for March Gov-

PRAYING FOR BOTH SIDES. A True Story Pertaining to a Much Discussed Question.

the year 1876 I was second officer of a big three masted schooner bound from Jamaica to New York with a cargo of tween Key West and Salt Key Bank we ran into a heavy gale from the southeast, the vessel was hove to during dangerously near Alligator captain went up in the forerigging and instructed me to take the wheel and obey his orders. He saw a spot in the reef where the seas did not seem to break and called: "Port your helm!" Then: "Steady; keep the course you're heading!" On the reef we went and over the without shipping a drop of water of ing!" On the reef we went and it without shipping a drop of water or striking bottom, and although the sea striking bottom, and although we soon striking bottom, and although was soon was running mountain high we soon found ourselves in smooth water, the found ourselves in smooth water, the hand lead showing four fathoms. We were safe, and we all took a long breath, as we had thought we were dodined to certain death. We ran along in toward Metacombe Island and anchored. There were soldiers on Metacombe Island that year on account of yellow fever in Key West, and the officer in charge gave us provisions as we were in charge gave us provisions, as we were short and had become well acquainted with pea soup. During the "blow" several vessels were driven on the reef from Key West to Cape Florida. There was a brig from Honduras with ma-hogany on the reef near us, bottom up, all hands lost.

While we were repairing sails and While we were repairing sails and getting the vessel ready to continue our voyage to New York the captain was invited by a wrecker to take dinner with him. It was of a Sunday and the captain invited me. They had for dinner a snipe pot pie, a rare treat for us. The wrecker was originally from Maine and his old mother had come down to live with her son. Before we sat down at the table this old mother in her lace. at the table this old mother in her lace

the gale, the disasters and the life and property. The old la and property. The old lady was et for a while, then she said most cently and piously: "Well, I have fervently and piously: been praying the good Lord for some time to send a hurricane, and I know this storm is in answer to my prayers." You see she was quite conscientious about it: her son's business was wreck-ing and she wanted him to prosper. While the old lady was praying to the Lord for disaster I had a dear old grandfather on Long Island who was praying for my safety morning, noon and night, and I shall always cherish the idea that the prayers of that dear. good old grandfather.

However, both the old lady and my
grandfather received answers to their

respective prayers. reef into the Gulf Stream to continue genius our voyage we asked our wrecker friend de l'H o pliot us out. He said to the captain: Go out where you came in; it's the only hole in the reef for miles either way." This may have some bearing on both

prayers being answered. It was the only way it could be done. ARINGTON H. CARMAN. PATCHOGUE, L. I., February 18.

ENDANGERED DOGS. How Shall They Be Protected From the Polson of Man?

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir. men have false rables, a hypochondria, dogs have the ent's theory of false rables came your ent's theory of false rables came your charming essay on mugs.

If you can imagine a self-respecting dog biting any one of the mugs de-scribed, then you can imagine that dog in the throes of hydrophobia.

Goldsmith explained this matter gen erations ago in an admirable ballad. As no one reads Goldsmith in these

This dog and man at firs The dog, to gain angry. The wondering neighbors swore the dog had lost his wits, to bite so good a man. They likewise swore that

the man would die.

"But soon a wonder came to light,
That showed the rogues they lied:
The man recovered from the bite,

The dog it was that died."
NEW YORK, February 18. C. F. S.

WICKED PATRIOTISM.

To the Editor of the Sun-Sir: I read with amazement your editorial article in the Shadow of Mount Tom.' In which you praise the people of Northampion, Mass., for patriotism, love of the flag and lovalty to their native.

To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: I agree

his output and good and prompt pay that any author should ask, but I also think that something is amiss when ers who have given the best that is in who have been called to Europe by the for war in August, 1914? The mobilizaiivelihood have constantly to confront the spectre of want in their old age. I was to decide in favor of some sort of compulsory service for America.

At a French summer resort I realized

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Continued to read that that popular author the late F. Hopkinson Smith's royalties averaged only \$115 a year! How fortunate he was in having two other

stinct. Those who have are to be found in the ranks of the authors of the "best sellers." Either they or their publishers understand the art of self-advertisement. and booming But what of the others? I am told that both England and France pension their literary artists. The foxes have holes, the birds of the air their nests, the actors have homes, but the poor Amer-ican author has nothing

ONE OF THE LEAST OF THESE. NEW YORK, February 18.

From the Holden Enterpris Sheets crossed the creek Saturday night to see his best girl, but was unable o go back because of the creek being so

harbinger of summer in New York, but we have two files in our apartment dining phases of the war. T. F. Millard again warns against Japan. J. N. Laurvik describes Hunglast summer, knowing with an epicurean incety orange marmalade and maple syrup.

Does not that mean eternal spring for Philadelphia and, as always, no change, not even in seasons?

C. H. B.

Philadelphia, February 15.

Liem, J. R. Smith and it. Smith write on phases of the war. T. F. Millard again warns agrins warns agrinst Japan. J. N. Laurvik describes Hunglast describes Hunglast and Norwegian art. Inis Weed tells about puppet plays and H. A Gibbons about the Russian painter Léon Gasfard's war ments; second, the conditions warns sketches are interesting. So are Ernest Peixotte's illustrated wanderings along the Mexotte's i

Values Only Is Urged. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SIT! YO TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SIT: entitled "Let Those Benefited Pay" in which you propose that the costs of constructing and maintaining the State highways be assessed against the property benefited by the improvement, as the costs of local improvements are now assessed in New York effy.

Your proposal is founded on a sound economic principle, and the thanks of the community are due you for calling attention to it. In order, however, that your readers may elearly comprehend the community and the community of the applied to the basis of taxation.

longings; but the costs of local improve-ments in New York city are assessed against only one of these various against only one of these various classes of property, namely land. This one class is singled out in recognition of the economic truth that public improvements affect and are measured by land values only. As the recognition of this important fact has become more general there has been a corresponding eral there has been a corresponding lengthening of the list of taxes as-sessed against land only, though our lawmakers, not yet fully understanding the subject with which they are deal-ing, too often order the assessment made on the basis of foot frontage, instead of value, thereby often insuring actual injustice in the application of a

THE SUN, having so commendably called attention to the principle involved, would now render a double sersame principle underlies all taxation : that just as it is equitable to tax land values for the costs of local improve-ments because land values are the only ones enhanced by such improvements, so it must inevitably be true that taxes for all government expenses should be assessed against land values only be-

The principle indersed by THE SUN The principle s obviously un opposed to almost every one of our present taxes—taxes on buildings, inheri-tance taxes, income taxes, &c.—nearly all of which reflect an effort to apply the communistic idea of taxing according to ability to pay. Equitable taxaseen that this idea is pernicious and that it must be supplanted by the prin-ciple of benefits conferred, as urged by THE SUN. GEORGE L. RUSHY. NUTLEY, N. J., February

To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: Elling All I want to say to-day is this: any foreign born American citizen or guest of this country after reading that solemn and eloquent restatement by over the America's greatest juridical and political of Independence did not feel the in stinctive impulse to send to and congratulation that man deserves indeed, to use Champ Clark's expres-sion, to be taken by the nape of his neck and to be aeroplaned into the nearest European trench, not, however, of his own country, but of the party of the second part.

And I add: If any native American what

on reaching the last paragraph of the great statesman's burning appeal to the deep and noble sentiments of enlightened kind of a patriotism, love of justice, comparison with the victims of wrong and oppres sion, has not stiently devoted his and soul to the service of his fatherand I have infinitely more respect for inches of ice. On Sunday six the half savage colonial tribes fighting on and in Europe's soil for the final on and in Europe's soil for the final victory of civilization than for him, the nominal heir to the patrimony of Wash-ington and Lincoln, of Lee and Grant.

One million copies of Root's speech, so I understand, will be distributed as campaign documents throughout country. No objection. But why country. No objection. But why not go a step further and have this flaming revindication of internal the world's translated into twenty of the world's translated into twenty of the world's Monday Monday outld y citizen resided. Likewise that "in that forget Turkish and Bulgarian-This dog and man at first were friends:
But when a pique began,
he dog, to gain some private ends.
Went mad and bit the man."
"Mad" is here used in the sense of largy. The wondering neighbors swore he dog had lost his wits, to bite so

notwithstanding all official, semi and about 4,500. I am speaking quarter official denials, are in a state tan alone. parter official demais, are in a "Since the storm of acute nervousness, closely near to a "Since the storm of acute nervousness, closely near to a "Since the storm of acute nervousness, closely near to a "Since the storm of final breakdown and consequently eage: to listen to any message of saving eighteen hours a da truth which would help them in fasten- been two continuous ing the guilt on those primarily re- hours each with sponsible for the streams of blood shed of apparatus has Connecticut Rebukes Massachusetts for its Vulgar Loyalty.

Sponsible for the screams of blood shed on three continents, for the world's hatred and contempt incurred and the economic bankruptcy staring them in the face. As to the Allies, with poor, the same than the sa

> 1914, the inaugural day of the Weltuntergang. Fortunately, however, not only in religious but also it al tradition the crucifixion is followed resurrection. NHTPHENATED PRIEND OF UNCLE SAM.

Representative John F. Carew Protects the Broadway and other

Farmers of West Seventy-third Street.

To the Entrop of The Stn-Sie: I have To the Entres of the day and Seventy third street quietly. Yesterday ceived from my Congressman a package of garden seeds, beets, radished corn, &c. Now, thanks to a paternal Gov ernment, all my fears are swept away about preparedness and Presidential candidactes, and I am grateful. Won't you please tell me the name of of Forty-second street F my Congressman? I want to thank him Eighth avenue and other or remembering me in my time of trou ble; also to find out what to do w

New York, Pebruary 18.

An Embarrasoment of Opportunities. Argus told of his difficulty.
"I can't decide which one to we nenocie in." he complained.

Knicker-Who, will be the Presidential

andidates? Bocker-"Very" and "L"

ernor Whitman discusses the prison prob-lem. J. R. Smith and H. Smith write on phases of the war. T. F. Millard again warns of the frigate bird of Louisiana to Dana Car-

Once More the Assessment of Land NEW YORK STREETS **NEVER SO SLUSHY**

Sidewalks as Well as Road ways Are Buried Beneath Coating of Mud.

SNOW PILES STILL STANK

been dirtier than they ent. Some old timers recall worse conditions as the days when the city had nex street cleaning department sist that no precedent can be for the extent of the slush in which the public has been ing for three days.

Anyway, it is agreed that the are dirty. Commissioner Fethers makes no attempt to minimize the fa as to certain thoroughfares, though offers facts of his own by way of m gation. In downtown Manhattan

Thursday had mostly melted yesterday leaving a residue of mud and mud porter for THE SUN Went exploring ners were no better than the re street. Lower Broadway was That is, mud had bee ready to be carted away payement remained a film of much

Slush Pive Inches Deep Nassau street was coated Standing at Ann

worse.

saw slush five inches deep in dle of the street, extending at of the street just west of Nassau a mud from curb to curb. Com Fetherston pointed out that way contractors are obligated street clean and that they complaints from Fourteenth an

on these traffic routes veste noon one had to wade Every street car sprayed from under its wheels and automobile Fifth avenue was pre decidedly messy.

that even in mid Manhattan cleaners had not yet carted off nants of last Sunday's sn where it was a dismal day Yes, New York is dirty, at-

about it: kind of a storm this last started with hall, sleet a On Saturday nigh sleet changed back to snow a night.

the final about 8 P. M.

"Our automobile ploughs " Saturday night. drivers refuse to work tions, so dear and near to his Scotch could work only 2.460 ext.

The peoples of the Central Powers.

Thursday 4.350, and to-de-

"Have the streets be

"Then why do they !

Can't Finsh Certain Streets "Neither is it generally streets where subways nor the adjacent side where the flow is away fro excavation. This largely

the present condition of Save "Another fact which the railway companies a the snow from many st. . . dishes. "Most of the complaints from Twenty-third and Tw y streets. It is the job of the Railways Company to clear of in both these streets, as We of Forty-second street. Fort inches of ice, which is now makes me a little tired w

people blaming my depart these street worse than those of Company.
"Here's another thing t On Monday morning ! had been sprinkled with eit sand. It had to be done sand. It had to be de of the horses, but whe

Scribner's for March is a bright number, horses began to roar.